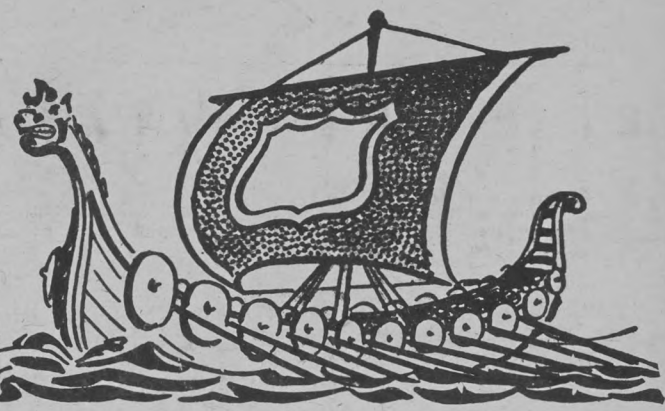




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Aarhus Pigegarde Concert

The Dala Horse — A Colorful Symbol of Sweden

How come that all tourists leave Sweden carrying in their luggage a gaily painted little wooden horse. This little toy has become an extremely popular souvenir from Sweden, well-known all over the world.

The origin of the Dala horse is lost in the past. There sometimes seem to be as many theories on this subject as there are wooden horses. It may have begun as a toy, it may have been made as some kind genuine thing, the sturdy little workhorse as characteristic of Dalarna as the independent attitude traditionally shown by its native inhabitants.

The Dala horse could, perhaps, also go as far back as to the days of the Vikings who in their pagan form of mythical worship held the horse in high esteem.

While the Dala horse in many cases, quite naturally, was carved for the children of the farm, it was also often used as a token form of payment by wayfarers who were given a roof over their head for the night by some hospitable farmer.

By the shores of Lake Siljan in Dalarna, the folklore district of Sweden, the carving of the Dala horse is an unbroken tradition that goes back an untold number of generations. In the parish of Mora there are four villages where Dala horses are still made by hand, and in one of them one family has specialized to the extent that its members keep themselves busy simply by doing the paint job.

The horses were traditionally made during the winter season when the men were idle on the farm. A good horse "srulptor" could manage as many as a dozen a day. Once the horse has been carved into its final stage, it is left to dry for a week. It is then painted in white or bright red or dappled. The final and typical Dalarna touch is the stylized decor, highly imaginative, often based on a floral motif.

A fairly recent product of Dala handicraft is the wooden rooster

painted in gay colors. It cannot compete with the original Dala horse in popularity, however.

The Dala horse was there when the Swedish Pavillion welcomed its first visitors at the gala opening of the World's Fair in Paris, 1937. It towered over the Swedish Pavillion at the Seattle World's Fair in 1962 and was a best-seller at the New York World's Fair a few years later.

Very few products of Swedish handicraft have, next to the Smorgasbord, become so well-known abroad. The Dala horse has given Sweden promotion and publicity in its form of a symbol of Sweden, as a tourist souvenir. This gay little handmade little horse also in a way carries a message even about the most advanced industry that Sweden represents. It is straight and clean in its form, it is a product of ancient knowledge about handicraft, it represents quality and it is decorative.

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New Tour Guide To Scandinavia

MONTREAL — Scandinavian Airlines has published in cooperation with Suntours Ltd. and The Globe and Mail, a new travel guide to Scandinavia, now available through all SAS offices in Canada as well as through all authorized travel agencies.

The 32-page four-colour magazine size tour guide, named "Suntours Scandinavia", gives a prospective tourist an excellent idea of the costs of tours of different duration, hotel facilities, sightseeing trips, restaurants, nightlife, shopping, etc., from a 22-day all-inclusive tour down to half a day's sightseeing trip. It contains factual information on how to get to Scandinavia, what to expect in Wonderful Copenhagen (the Danes insist

UNO Conference in Montreal

Knut Svidal, Edmonton delegate, attended a Conference of the National Organization of the United Nations, recently in Montreal where he met U-Thant, (Secretary-General of the UNO). Five Canadian Regional Vice-Presidents were elected to Office and Knut was one of the five to be elected.

When in Montreal, the order of the day is Expo — so naturally Knut took in a couple of tours. Some of the pavilions he visited are the Canadian, British, Russian, American, Iranian, and Scandinavian. He mentioned that the Scandinavian Pavilion was well done; and enjoyed Edmonton's "Pioneer Village" with Fort Edmonton's "Golden Garter Saloon", complete with Klondike entertainment. Knut says, "It is wonderful advertising for Edmonton as the response is very good". Expo can be explained in one word — Tremendous — and would advise everyone to go but more than 2 days are needed to take in displays.

that you say it twice in connection with Copenhagen: Wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen!), how to get to see the Lapps in their own original environment and many other equally fascinating features.

The booklet describes also how a passenger can plan his own holiday, step by step, and create for himself a tailor-made tour — at a bargain price. Furthermore, it contains information on the fly-now-pay-later plan.

Speaking about bargains, every all-inclusive tour has been designed for the budget-minded tourist. An example: A 22-day tour of Scandinavia, including airfare, economy roundtrip, all meals, sightseeing trips, hotel rooms with private bath, guides, admission fees wherever applicable, transfers, taxes etc., for \$919.00 per person.

Scandinavia is a fascinating corner of Europe and although it consists of four separate countries, it is still one big happy family. And this is precisely how you will find them; friendly, outgoing people with a zest for life, pleasure-loving and uninhibited in their outlook.

On Wednesday, July 12th, at 8:00 p.m. in the new Centennial Library AARHUS PIGEGARDE will give a 2-hour concert. All are Welcome. Proceeds go toward band expenses.

What is AARHUS PIGEGARDE? It was founded by Music Director, Mr. Tachentscher on November 27th, 1955. At first all the girls who joined, personally paid for their instruments and uniforms, also for the various tours. Today, eleven years later, AARHUS PIGEGARDE Band consists of a membership of 58 girl musicians, two prefects and one standard bearer, plus a captain and a drum major.

The band is controlled by five adults (four men and one woman) all having been appointed by the girl's parents for a period of two years, and their duties are manifold. The Committee shall engage the various musical instructors who give lessons in combined band performance, one for the orchestra, drums, wind instruments, and also formation marching. The committee controls all financial and administrative aspects and shall secure engagements, mainly in conjunction with city festivals or celebrations of various types, purchase new instruments, music copy and arrange for uniforms, etc. It is also the committee's responsibility to see that each girl takes private lessons, that she meets regularly for same and that her appearance is up to the standard required.

Each girl must be 11 years old, but not over 14 years on application to AARHUS PIGEGARDE.

Girls pay a membership fee of approximately one dollar per month and they also pay a fee for

the use of the instruments (which are the property of Aarhus Pigegardes) and also to hire the uniform and regalia. Practice periods are held twice weekly for two-hourly periods and parade marching once weekly for one hour.

The instruments include clarinets, saxophone, horns, trumpets, tenorhorn, drums, one bass drum and a section consisting of bass drum, side drums and eight wind instruments, and a drum major.

Their musical standard is of a very high quality. The standard is increasing due to the fact that all instructors are from the Aarhus Symphonic Orchestra which in turn is well known in both Denmark and the Continent. The girl's uniform is a copy of the King Royal Guard's uniform.

This concert will be of interest to children in the same age bracket as these young musicians.

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In connection with the above-noted concert, the sponsors are looking for accommodation for the members of the group for the nights of July 12th and 13th. The committee would like to place two girls together for company, and if you would like to have two in your home please phone Harald Christensen at 489-4678. Already many offers have been received, so to avoid disappointment please call Harald as soon as possible.

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DANIA DOINGS



On June 10th Danish Society "DANIA" celebrated the wedding of Crown Princess Margrethe to Count Henri, henceforth Prince Henrik of Denmark. 175 attended the Banquet and Dance at the Scandinavian Centre. The Centre was decorated in French and Danish colours. From the French Consulate, Mademoiselle Lelleal and escort, the Danish Vice-Consul and Mrs. Holm-Pedersen, Rev. and Mrs. O. Filtenborg, Erik Pedersen from the Danish Program over CKUA (unfortunately his wife was unable to attend). After the introductions and welcoming by the president of DANIA, Holm Pedersen spoke briefly about the bridal couple and the Royal Family of Denmark. A cable was sent to Amalienborg Castle with Congratulations from the Danish Society of Edmonton. A thanks goes out to everyone who helped to make this evening such a success.

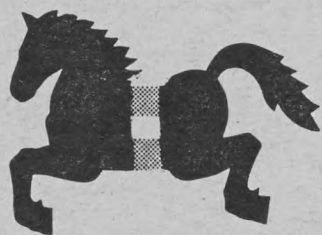
Dania is asking for nominations for girls between the ages of 17—22 for Scandia Queen; it is not a beauty contest but for a selected Queen to represent the five Scandinavian Countries. She must be able to associate and speak with people. She will compete against Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland. Please contact Mr. Claus Jacobsen, by phoning 489-1494. The judging will be at the Scandinav-

ian Picnic at the Elk Island National Park, July 16th so hurry to contact Mr. Jacobsen.

The Danish Canadian Society in Red Deer has an entertaining program planned at Gull Lake on July 9th, which they call "Centennial Reunion" and it is for all Danes in this Province. Royal Danish Vice Consul Mr. Holm Pedersen will be speaking about Danish culture. There will be other speakers, and we will enjoy good fellowship, meet people we haven't seen for years, and there will be fun and games for all ages, and a potluck supper to which everybody is asked to contribute. We plan to meet at 2:00 p.m. and close off with a bonfire and wiener roast at approximately 9:00 p.m.

It should be a very enjoyable day for all so please try to come.

Don't forget DANIA's Klondike Dance Friday, July 21st. Remember last year? You had a good time and we are sure it will be just as good this year, so come and bring your friends too. Oh, yes! don't forget your Klondike finery.



The Horse symbol of Scandinavian Design Cavalcade.

VASA LODGE SKANDIA

JUNE MEETING HELD AT VASA PARK

The June meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was opened by Peter Johnson at 7:40 p.m. in the Club House at Vasa Park.

Visitors to the meeting were: District Master Floyd Modin of Calmar, and District Secretary Bert Johnson of Calgary.

Ella Peterson was reported as being home after her surgery.

The Land Committee reported that the floors of the Club House have not been sanded as yet. The walls and ceiling have been completed, and indeed look lovely, thanks to all who turned out and helped. A tractor-mover has been purchased to keep the grass cut. Despite all the improvements that have been made, the taxes, which are payable by June 23, should be the same or lower than last year.

The Sports Club has also been busy. They put on a very successful dance, luncheon, and picnic on June 3rd and 4th. The proceeds from this affair went to pay for the asphaltting of the tennis court.

Plans for Children's Week, July 9 to 16, at Vasa Park are well under way. For further information, or to register any child that is aged 6 to 14, and whose parents are Vasa members, phone Mrs. D. Johnson 433-6150 or Mrs. M. Pearson 455-5988.

Name tags will be in use at the July meeting. Emiel Weiss has donated them and Erling Winquist is putting the names on.

The Nominating Committee members for the coming term are Magnus Pearson, Willard Modin, and Eric Engvall.

A Strawberry Tea will be held at Vasa Park, on the afternoon of Sunday, July 9th.

Centennial Spoons are available for \$1.50 from Margaret Eliasson, phone 454-6357.

The Ladies Auxiliary has made a \$100 donation towards the cost of the material used to finish the interior of the Club House.

A cordial invitation was extended by Bert Johnson of Calgary to attend the Bi-Annual District Convention on June 24th and 25th. This year the host was Calgary Lodge Branting, which also celebrated its fortyfifth anniversary.

A reminder to readers, if you have something for the newspaper during July or August, please contact Elsie Comin, 484-6345.

A meeting was held July 1st at 7:30 p.m. at Vasa Park. It was a gala "Klondike Night" planned by Eric and Hansine Pierre.

VASA GLIMPSES

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Engvall announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Carol, to Mr. Ken Banks. The wedding will take place at Augustana Lutheran Church on August 22nd.

Rune and Lois Anderson and family, Eric and Helene, have moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

BUFORD NEWS

Alda Markstedt who has been attending university this last term is employed at Simpsons-Sears, Bonnie Doon, for the summer months.

Harvey Eklund who is employed at Rainbow Lake, spent two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Eklund.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Bill Sol whose brother Ralph Sol passed away in Chatham, Ontario. Bill Sol left by plane to attend the funeral.

Alf and Halga Hoyem had their son Eldon, his wife Shirley and grandson Todd of Grande Prairie, pay them a visit.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Johnson were Bernard's brother Clarence and his family of Vernon, B.C.

Two new members, Ray and Andy Karabonik were initiated and welcomed into the Lodge at our May meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Erickson and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Zarowney had Elsie's and Lillian's brother Walter Sund of North Surrey, B.C. spend a week with them.

On the sick list — Mrs. Elsie Erickson and Mrs. Elizabeth Wengberg. Both underwent surgery — Elsie at the Royal Alex Hospital in Edmonton and Elizabeth at the Municipal Hospital in Red Deer. Hilda Modin is coming along nicely after having phlebitis in one of her legs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertil Pearson spent a weekend at Fort St. John, B.C. visiting Mr. and Mrs. Russel Wark.

Mrs. Rinold Kromm of Red Deer renewed acquaintances in the district for several days.

There was a good turn out of Buford Vasa Lodge members at Skandia's June 4th picnic at Pigeon Lake. The day was perfect, weatherwise. Our Lodge won several minor contest and two major ones: the Tug-o-War Trophy, and Clair Evenson and Ray Pearson captured the Horse-shoe Tournament Trophy. A vote of thanks is extended to Skandia Lodge for a well-organized and most enjoyable day.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Erickson spent a week at Vernon, B.C. and surrounding district. Their son Ronald and family moved there where Ronald will be on the teaching staff of one of the Vernon High Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ogren have moved from Edmonton to Williams Lake, B.C.

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Congratulations to Raymond Erickson and Vernon Pearson who won prizes at Willow Creek's Centennial Dance, Raymond for his Klondike moustache and Vernon for his Klondike outfit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pearson, Colleen and Janet spent a weekend at Culbertson, Montana, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Helmgrenson.

Mrs. Gunhild Ladacouer and Mr. and Mrs. Bertil Pearson are enjoying a six weeks holiday in Sweden and the other Scandinavian countries.

Mockfjord, Sweden, guests at the homes of Tillie, Emil and Eric Kvarnberg were Emil and Eric's cousin Richard Dragsten and his wife Karen.

The Modin families enjoyed a visit from Mr. Einar Erickson and his daughter Karen of Dalarna, Sweden.

The Modins also had Hilda Modin's cousin, Mrs. Alice Hansen and her husband Maynard from Lake Lillian, Minnesota, and their daughter Mrs. Alice Eastman and grand-daughter Karen Eastman of North Field, Minnesota, spend a few days with them.

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Sunday, July 16	8:00 p.m.	Danish Service, Holy Communion, Rev. Filtenborg.
Sunday, July 23	10:00 a.m.	English Service, Holy Communion.
Sunday, July 30	10:00 a.m.	Danish Service.

Rev. Filtenborg will be away from June 19th to July 15.

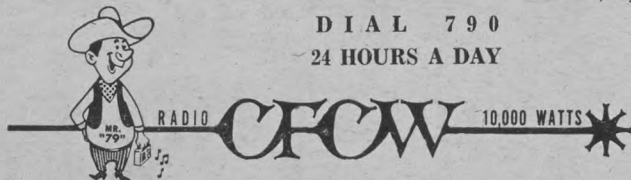


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SPORTSMAN'S BLASTOFF

Even the weather-man co-operated with the Vasa Sports Club members for their June 3rd dance and June 4th luncheon and picnic. The dance, thanks to the music of the Checkmates, was a swinging affair. Thanks also to all who donated food and worked in the kitchen so over 150 guests could be served at luncheon.

Everyone who attended the picnic enjoyed themselves, even if they didn't win one of the numerous prizes. Much to the chagrin of the Edmontonians, the "country boys" out-pulled the "city slickers" in the tug-o-war. However, Edmonton managed to save face when they defeated Buford 16 to 8 in an exciting baseball game. The winners of the Horseshoe trophies were: first to Ray Pearson and Clare Evenson, and second to Bert Johnson and Charlie Rautio. Congratulations are also extended to all the winners of all the other events that took place. Thanks also to all who participated in any way so that the tennis court is finally completed.

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A BOUQUET FOR "DANIA"

Scandinavian Centre News
Dear Sir,

I have attended many functions of various groups of the Scandinavians combined, but on March 15th last and on June 10th I attended dinner and dance parties of the Danish Society "Dania", and felt I had to tip my hat and congratulate the President of Dania and his Board for the best and most well arranged parties ever held at the Centre.

I do believe that Dania finally got a Board of Directors that the Club can be proud of. I have listened to the President making his presentations of guests and his warm welcome to members and friends of the Club, and he never forgot a special welcome to the old-timers and out-of-town guests, so I wish to extend my wife's and my own thanks for the lovely party.

So, Mr. Harald Christensen and Staff, please keep up the good work.

Satisfied member of "Dania".



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ICELANDIC NOTES

Mrs. W. Frood of Winnipeg spent two weeks in Edmonton, visiting her daughter, and son-in-law, Agnes and Archie Orr, and getting better acquainted with her grandchildren, Geoffrey, Andrew and Debra. Mrs. Thora Orr is also on a pleasant trip to her old home in Vancouver, B.C. While there, she attended the festivities when the ladies association, SOLSKIN celebrated fifty years of service on behalf of the Icelandic colony on the west coast. The main event was held in the lower floor of Hofn, the attractive senior citizens home on Harrison Drive, Vancouver.

Miss Shirley Thorsteinson was among the delegates attending the National Convention of the Canadian Society of Laboratory Technicians, held in the Chateau Frontenac, Montreal. As Edmonton has been chosen as the locale of their 1968 convention, in the Chateau Lacombe, the local contingent added color to the scene by wearing Klondike Days apparel, and distributing appropriate mementos. Shirley took the opportunity of attending Expo while in Montreal.

While Mr. Gunnar Thorwaldson was in Yellowknife on official business, he enrolled some new members into the Nordurljos Chapter, Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie and Freda Sopracolle. Mrs. Sigga Johnson, formerly of Oak Point, Manis making her home with her daughter, Freda and son-in-law.

Mrs. Harold Halldorson Journeyed twice to the province of Saskatchewan, recently. On the first occasion, she was in Wilkie, the home of Mrs. Sitter, her step-mother, who was contemplating a change of residence after many years in that Sask. town, and Helen renewed many acquaintances there. Later, hearing of a bereavement of an elderly and well-loved friend, she visited her, in Saskatoon. While there, she was conducted on a tour through the new and impressive Art Gallery by Mrs. Florence Pratt, an art enthusiast on the staff of the Saskatoon Star Phoenix.

All the excitement and anticipation of a trip by jet over the polar route from Edmonton to London was shared by the children of Don and Gretta Smith as they flew to Great Britain to Penarth, Wales, to visit with Gretta's sister, Margaret, and her family. The children, Douglas, Margaret and Catherine will have many exciting experiences when meeting with their cousins Thelma and Elaine, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams. Both Harold and Margaret grew up in Edmonton, and since making their home in Wales, have kept in close touch with Canada and the members of the Thelma Johansson family. The spectacular success of Mr. Williams reflects on his ability for he entered the firm of the John Williams Steel after graduating from U. of A., and has since risen to the position of general manager, and chairman of the board of a family firm with extensive steel manufacturing in Cardiff, Wales.

Mrs. Belle Hogan, of Aldergrove, B.C. was a welcome visitor at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Al and Martha Arnason, and their two children, Arni and Marian; and welcomed also by her circle of friends in this Alberta capital. She was delighted in the success of the Cosmopolitan Band of Edmonton, who earned the right to enter the Provincial finals in Calgary, by their excellence shown at the local Kiwanis Festival. Her grandson, Arni is a Band member, taking part in their trips to Vancouver and to Calgary, as well as entertaining on various occasions around town.

On her return from London, England, several friends of Mrs. Jeffrey Sillence, the former Colleen Couves, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell to warmly greet her, and hold a miscellaneous shower for her as they set up housekeeping in their new home near Tofield, Alberta.

Mrs. Al Arnason assisted the hostess in providing entertainment, and gay conversation. Prior to the serving of a delicious lunch, by the hostess, her daughter, Gail assisted Mrs. Sillence in the opening of the many beautifully decorated and useful gifts, and cards. Colleen expressed her appreciation in a well chosen manner.

Birthday good wishes go out to Mr. Henry Sumarlidason, July 1st, Centennial Day; to Mrs. Margaret Smith, of Sherbrooke Nursing Lodge, July 9th; and to Mr. G. O. Gislason, on July 15th. Good Health be yours!

Visitors at the Gunnar Thorwaldson home are his Mother, Mrs. Margaret Thorwaldson, of Winnipeg, Man., and his cousin Ethel, and her husband Chuck LaFleur, also of Winnipeg.

The Canadian public will be able to see the Vinland Map for the first time now, in the Royal Ontario Museum.

The map, believed to have been drawn in 1440, from older source material shows in the view of some experts that the Norsemen explored some parts of North America long before the time of Columbus.

Drawn on parchment, the map is eight by eleven inches in size. It is owned by the Yale University Library.

The Women's Association met at the home of Pearl Valgardson to plan further on how to make the bazaar and coffee party successful. The combined pool of ideas promises to make this event one of the most attractive of all pre-Christmas bazaars; so may we suggest that you, as of now, circle with a red crayon the date of Saturday, Nov. 18 in order that you do not miss out on a sociable affair.

One hears of many holiday plans as the summer vacation season rolls along. The Leifur Oddsons will motor to Manitoba where the children will remain with relatives, taking in the Pan-Am Games, while Leifur and Lucille will con-

tinue on to Montreal, to attend the reunion of the Manitoba University Alumni conveniently being held near the site of the Canadian spectacular Expo. As your reporter expects to be absent from the city for part of the summer recess, guest reporters will take pen in hand to keep you, gentle reader, informed. We will be indebted to Mrs. Beulah Arason, Mrs. Freda Smith, and Mr. Gunnar Thorwaldson for their efforts.

The entire Icelandic Community was cast into deep gloom when the news of the death of Mr. Jakob Gunnlaugar Henrickson was heard, for his name brings to mind the many years of happy associations with Jake in the local Icelandic Society. During his long residence in Edmonton, he served his community in various ways, as twice enlisting in the armed services for the World Wars, first as a soldier with the first division, third battalion, which saw active fighting in France, and then on to occupy Germany, when he returned to Edmonton in July of 1919; and then, at the outbreak of the Second World War, serving in Maintenance with the R.C.A.F. in Canada. Jake was a popular choice of his companions in the local plumbers union, having been elected to several separate offices in their organization, and picked to represent them in their conventions, which were held at five year intervals in Atlantic City, Kansas City on five separate occasions. While his children attended the Ritchie School, he was chosen as president of the Home and School on two elections, and gave cheerful support to all community endeavors, while making their home in Ritchie. As a shareholder, and active salesman for the Scandinavian Centre, he rarely missed a meeting, and exerted his influence for its ultimate realization.

But it was through the local Icelandic Society that we came to know him best, and many happy recollections of his long and worthy connections come to mind. He was one of the first presidents, in the earlier organization, and the first president of Nordurljos Chapter. During his term of office, he was gratified to see his daughter, Irene crowned as the first of a long list of illustrious Fjallkonas. Ill health prevented his constant attendance at our meetings, yet whenever he was present, his cheerful and thoughtful concern for the good of the club was always in evidence, and as membership convener, he succeeded in building up the numbers to an ambitious total. In company with his wife, Illa, he spent his last evening at an executive get-together at the Oddson home, fully enjoying the affections of his associates, who were shocked at the suddenness of his passing.

The funeral service, held in his beloved Strathcona Baptist Church, was a testimonial to the wideness of their circle of friends who gathered to mourn his death and pay tribute to his memory. The Rev. R. D. Bell spoke of his personality, saying the quality of reaching out in the name of friendship was a noticeable trait in his lifetime. Burial was in the Glenwood Memo-

rial Gardens, conducted by the Canadian Legion comrades. He leaves his wife, five daughters, and eleven grandchildren. A memorial Fund is being arranged which will be given to Betel Home in Gimli, Man. where his mother, Eleanor, served as matron for many years, and his name will be recalled by the many relatives and friends in the areas of his earlier homes.

The many friends of Walter Arason are being continuously amazed at his achievements in his chosen avocation of ceramics. In the short time since he first announced his intentions of seriously studying the art of pottery making his home has been the scene of his handiwork. An unbelievable number of artistic and useful jars, pots, vases, and he like have appeared, and his waking hours are spent in his workshop in the basement of his home. Proof of his ingenious and capable talent came when his friends accompanied the family to the Jubilee Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, to view the Arts and Crafts Exhibition sponsored by the local clubs and the city of Edmonton. There he was presented with a scroll, and a prize, for winning first place in the category of thrown pottery. His entry, a pair of skilfully designed fowl, was on display, in company with other entries, and congratulations to Walter were many and sincere. We watch with interest this unfolding drama of hobbycraft achievement, and wish continued success to his talents.

Among the many piano students appearing in recital in the Club Room of the Jubilee Auditorium, on Sunday June 18th, were Master Stevie Benediktson, Master Larry Janssen, Miss Leoni Oddson, and little Miss Wendy Wallbank who played a sole, and also a duet with her mother, Mrs. Viola Wallbank.

Invitations were sent to all interested Edmontonians by the president of the Tindastol Memorial Cemetery Committee, Mr. Joe Johansson to join in with the local groups for the annual clean-up day of this historical burial place. A contingent of Icelandic willing workers has gone down for the past two years on a Saturday in June to aid in the community project and to share in the good fellowship developed with each successful gathering. The families from Edmonton provide a share of the food and refreshments, and a genial atmosphere surrounds the days activities, in and around Markerville, the centre of Icelandic settlement in 1890 and the subsequent years.

Miss Joan Olafson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Olafson has been chosen as the representative of the Icelandic Society for the Queen Candidate Contest. Mrs. Ruth MacNaughton, our Cultural Convener reports the contest will be to chose from the ethnic groups candidates a suitable young lady to be crowned at the Scandinavian Mid-Summer picnic in Elk Island Park, on July 15th. Radio and TV personalities will act as judges, basing their decision on the personality and capabilities, of each

FINNISH SOCIETY



FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Thanks to Mrs. A. Langeste who was the hostess of May sewing circle.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Vagovics would like to thank all their friends for the lovely housewarming party and present.

It was noted with pleasure that Mr. and Mrs. E. Honka's picture appeared on cover of May issue of "Suomalainen".

Many thanks to Mrs. I. Kuusela for the lovely baby shower. Also thanks to all the people for the beautiful gifts for the baby, thanks to Finnish Society for flowers and thanks to all those who send me flowers and cards and who visited me during my stay in hospital.

— Mrs. Mary Karvonen —

Mrs. L. Soderberg was a recent visitor to Edmonton from Oliver, B.C.

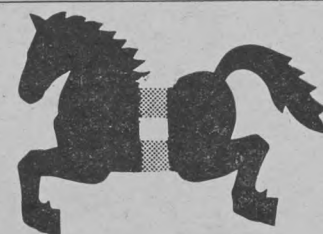
Best of luck to following people who will board the two Scandinavian flights in June; Mr. and Mrs. L. Vesalainen and Ulla, Mrs. Toini Virtanen, Miss Partanen, Mr. T. Ristola, Mrs. Silja Spennath and Miss Eija Jaakkola. Also Bon Voyage to everyone else on those flights and have a good time.

Following are the names of some of the executive of Finnish Society, please make a note in case of correspondence of any kind. Secretary-treasurer, Mr. Onni Virtanen, 13520 - 104A St., phone 479-8185; president, Mr. T. Salomaa, 9942 - 149 St., phone 489-3157; Membership, Mr. Paul Karvonen, 9849 - 92 St., phone 469-7007.

Welcome to Edmonton and a pleasant stay here to Mr. N. Koi-vuneva who arrived from Finland recently, here he joined his wife to visit their son Mr. John Koi-vuneva and family.

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Doris, who is 25 years old, teaches Braille, typing, handicrafts and skill in the many facets of daily living.

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July 22 — Klondike Dance — Members who buy their tickets in advance get them for \$4.00 a couple, but at the door admittance will be \$5.00 a couple. See advertisement for particulars.

July 30 — Scandinavian Centre Picnic.

August 30 — Lodge Picnic and Barbeque.

A Surprize Bingo was held on May 24 when Solglyt members got avocation of ceramics. In the short the prizes (goodies from Stafford Foods) were won by Linda Johnson, Kalmar Amdam, Iver Venoesen, Orla Tychsen, Marion Iverson, Ruth Wibe, Maisie Amdam, Min Strand, Stan Hafso, Eleanor Anderson, Irene Hovde and Mrs. Whitehead. Pastries and coffee was served by Ellsworth and Lois Halberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Njaal Anderson and family have moved to Sarnia, Ontario. Njaal is a brother to Anders and Inge.

Ragna Sivertsen is enjoying her new home very much. Her phone number is not changed — 422-5990.

Betty Haugen and children (also Betty's Father and Mother) spent a week in Grand Prairie recently visiting an Uncle and Aunt.

Best wishes go to Martha Flatekval and Ruth Wibe who have been patients in the hospital.

Anders and 'Lil' Anders Anderson are vacationing in Norway for 3 weeks. They met Mrs. Tora Anderson, (Anders Mother) who is also on holiday, on Ona Island, visiting relatives.

Nels and Irene Hovde's Daughter, Mrs. Edel Michla, was in Edmonton for a week recently. She is busy organizing her "House of Wigs & Beauty" shop, which she is opening up in Fort St. John. Inez is going to stay with her sister for the summer to give her assistance.

Lydia Naverseth is now home after spending 5 weeks in the University Hospital. Best of luck to you Lydia.

Aase Haukeness holidayed for 2 weeks recently in Medicine Hat and Southern Saskatchewan.

The Norwegian Language Club held its last meeting of the season on June 12, with 12 in attendance. They enjoyed a Social Evening where Whist was played. Iver and Martha Venoesen (ph. 489-4649) will host the next meeting to be held on September 12.

A Centennial quilt is Mina MacDonald's project for 1967. She is making the quilt from pure silk ties which are 40 years old or more, and plans to quilt it with a Centennial Crest design. The quilt will be entered at the Edmonton Exhibition.

Nels and Irene Hovde and family were involved in an automobile accident recently while on their way to the lake. They were shaken up as a result and Irene has a bone fractured in the neck.

Signe Oulie is a patient in the Royal Alexandra Hospital with a broken hip.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Marion Hanson Bekkestad on May 3, in Norway. Marion was born and raised in Edmonton and went to Norway last September with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Syver Hansen Bekkestad. They had enjoyed taking part in the Scandinavian Centre Activities.

Joe and Clara Lineham were in Fort St. John recently and while there they visited Solglyt Lodge Members Arne Lee and Matt Myhre. Arne is the Mutual Life Insurance Representative in that area and Matt owns the Blue Bell Motel. They send their greetings to Solglyt Lodge.

Ragna Sivertsen reports that the Ladies Committee of the Scandinavian Centre held a meeting recently in the home of Mrs. Emma Krag. They were making plans for the coming activities of Summer and Fall. The Coffee Party (to celebrate the 4th Anniversary of the opening of the Scandinavian Centre) will be convened by the Ladies on June 25th. Plans are also under way for Klondike activities.

SUNRAY JUNIOR LODGE NEWS

The Senior 'Saga' Folk Dancers went to Rocky Mountain House and took part in a variety programme put on by the Folk Arts Council. The dancers are Sonja McBride, Inez Hovde, Sandra and Marvin Golden, David Oyen and Warren Clark.

Twelve 'Saga' Dancers, Donna and Dennis Bukvi, Penny Iverson, Rita Aslin, Nadine and Linda Lagergren, Debra and Della Johnsrude, David Oyen, Warren Clark, Inez Hovde and Sonja McBride, went to Tofield to take part in their Centennial Party. The Dan-

cers represented Scandinavia in the Ethnic programme. A Square Dance and Old Time Dance followed the programme with all the residents wearing Centennial costume.

PRINCE GEORGE

SYTTENDE MAI FEST

Mrs. Mina MacDonald reports a very enjoyable holiday in Prince George B.C. visiting her daughter and family for several days.

She had the opportunity of attending the 17th of May Celebration put on by the Sons of Norway Lodge, Rondane No. 71. It was held in true traditional form at 6 Mile Lake in the spacious Sons of Norway Lodge hall, surrounded by Spruce and Birch trees and mountains in the background. A typical Norwegian setting for a Syttende Mai Fest.

The Rondane Lodge is to be complimented on their accomplishment of having a membership of 285, since receiving their charter eleven years ago.

Erling and Una Skuggedal, former members of the Solglyt Lodge, were the first to be initiated into the order of Sons of Norway Lodge, at their first meeting in the new Scandinavian Centre. They are now active members of Rondane Lodge. Una is Social Convenor and headed the numerous committees in arranging the 17th of May Celebrations. It was exceptional in every detail, with decorations, Flags, flowers and a Gala Smorgasbord in Viking style laden with typical Norwegian food. A half hour get acquainted started the evening then Supper followed with background accordion music. Mina was an honored guest at the head table, speeches were given and the Juniors performed some wonderful Folk Dances in costume.

Dancing 'till midnight followed by a lovely lunch and coffee concluded a wonderful evening. A capacity crowd of approximately 300 were in attendance.

Warren Clark had a going away party recently for Leonard Hopland and Inez Hovde. Inez is going to Fort St. John for the Summer and Leonard is going to Norway soon and will be coming back in October.

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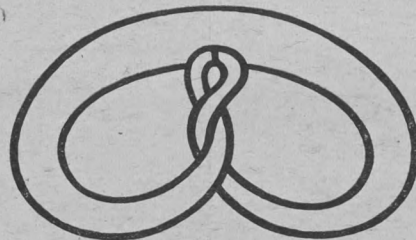
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Is history a chain of happenings?

"It was just a happening", said Dr. Helge Ingstadt when a newsman asked the noted Norwegian writer and archeologist what had brought him and his archeologist wife to Ottawa.

But Ottawa correspondents are seasoned men. Knowing well that cause and effect sometimes add up to the best stories of a happening, they usually manage to extract its prenatal history. So Dr. Ingstadt told them that he had been asked to Lecture at Yale University on remnants of ancient viking settlements found by the Ingstadts on the eastern coast of Newfoundland. "Then the Norwegian consulate said we should come here as well and that we ought to see Expo."

Anything can happen in Ottawa, especially in Centennial year, and it was just a happening that I crossed the street from Parliament Hill on May 4th and walked into the new Ottawa press gallery Building just in time to join the press conference with the Ingstadts.

It was just a happening that the controversial Yale map was found. If it is genuine and as old as scholars believe, it proves beyond doubt the viking discovery of North America.

It was just a happening, too, that yet another map turned up for Dr. Ingstadt in Hungary, of all places. Dating back to 1599, the map, showing the course of navigators from Iceland and Greenland, is believed to have originated in Iceland. Though he believes the map to be authentic, Dr. Ingstadt has not given it much publicity pending further study.

"How did that happen, Dr. Ingstadt?" asked a reporter.

He was told that after writing an article about his discoveries in Newfoundland in 1962 for The National Geographical Magazine, Dr. Ingstadt had received a great number of letters from all parts of the world. One of them put him on the track of the 368-year-old map.

And what but a happening in the spring of 1960 led the Ingstadts to the indisputable traces of North European culture on a North American coast?

It was at St. Anthony, the site of the Dr. Grenfell mission, that they were told of strange objects sometimes found in a nearby area used as pasture for generations, because it is excellent grassland and the bay is so narrow there that navigation is difficult.

LEFT NO CALLING CARD

"Leif Eirikson did not leave a calling card in 978," he said, "but we found the overgrown ruins of the kind of houses built in Norway and Iceland in the tenth century.

There were eight home sites, a terrace and a smithy of the kind used to produce iron in the old Norse way."

The houses were built of turf in the old Nordic way, and since stone is scarce in this area of Newfoundland, even the walls

around the village, which are now here higher than two feet, were built of turf. Slate was used in the fireplaces found by the Ingstadts and in the roofs. Big slabs of slate covered the smoke holes which served as chimneys. The largest house of six rooms included the inevitable great hall, so often the scene of feasting and revelry described in the old Icelandic sagas.

Preserved for posterity, too, by the soil of the Newfoundland pasture were a few soapstone spindles used by the women of the settlement to spin into thread the wool of the sheep they brought from their homeland. These were the spindles used in Norway, Iceland and Greenland at the time, Dr. Ingstadt said, adding that since no soapstone was found in Iceland, the Norse settlers there imported their soapstone from Norway and continued to do so.

A reporter wanted to know if the village would be restored. "Not restored," Mrs. Ingstadt said, "but the ruins will be conserved and a museum built for the artefacts," said her husband: "Joey is very interested."

LUMP OF ANTHRACITE

It is remarkable how happenings so commonplace as to rate no place at all in the written records of an era can pop up in the form of a small lump of anthracite to rip holes in old dogmas and perhaps cause a break-through in history.

An information officer from the Norwegian consulate in Ottawa brought up the matter of the anthracite coal. None of it had ever been mined in Greenland, Iceland or Norway, he said, yet some had been found in the settlement founded in Greenland by Eric the Red, the father of Leif the Lucky.

Reminded that no anthracite was known to exist in Newfoundland, Dr. Ingstadt said that fragments of this coal had been found in the Greenland settlement, leading to speculation that the vikings may have ventured as far as Rhode Island.

SAGAS HAVE THE ANSWERS

I listened to the questions. Did they bring domestic animals? Why didn't the settlement endure? The answers were a scientist's cautious response to lively layman curiosity. Assertive only when scientific findings substantiated the accounts of the sagas, they lacked the color and drama of that epic literature,

as all bare factual statements must.

They found that a fire had destroyed one of the houses, Dr. Ingstadt said. One of the sagas puts the blame for that disaster on Leif's sister Freydis. That red-headed firebrand burned down one of the houses with its inhabitants out of malice born of jealousy and wounded pride. A daughter of Eric the Red and a slave girl, Freydis was the apple of her father's eye and occupied the place of a daughter in his household.

Why did the settlement not endure? Dr. Ingstadt reminded his newsmen that there were not very many of these first white men against the hordes of natives who resented their intrusion, and "they did not have guns like Columbus. They came much earlier."

There is a story, though, in one of the sagas that amused me as a youngster. A bull was let loose to rush at a party of warring natives in roaring fury. The strange monster put the enemy to flight, and there is the answer to the question of the first domestic animals in Canada.

NO MERE CHANCE

Happenings?

Perhaps. But let's not wait for them to come about of their own accord. Certainly modern scientists wouldn't stumble upon all this fascination if they weren't thinkers with physical energy and a will to dig, and if the vikings had not been master mariners and men of restless initiative in the first place.

And this Canada of 1967, with its arts and its industries, its great new national library building, equipped for the enlightenment of men, its Parliament and its growing renown among the nations? Is it just a happening — a creature of blind fate, blunders and accidents?

Partly, perhaps. But human initiative, vision, genius and blind courage, when blindness was essential to achievement, are the main ingredients of the fate that shaped its destiny — the fate that drove its many explorers across the boundless, rugged, hazardous miles of land and water.

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